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1. The Soviet Embassy in Brussels has recently placed an order with the Atelier Pierre Van Hoof of 49-50 rue St. Antoine, St. Mariaburg-Kapellen, near Antwerp, for the supply of wire drawing dies for treating nickel-chrome wires. These dies are alleged to be in series from 0.45 mm downwards to 0.03 mm and are stated to be the finest made. The dies, which are of the type used in the radio industry, are for drawing wires of the thinnest qualities. The inside of the dies consists of very fine industrial diamonds.
2. The value of the order is stated to be 1.5 million Belgian francs, and delivery is now in progress. As the volume of the goods is so small, it is believed that delivery is made either to a bank or directly to the Soviet Embassy in Brussels.
3. [REDACTED] the Soviets wished to take much larger quantities if the firm had been able to produce them and had originally tried to place the order in Amsterdam, but they were referred to Van Hoof which is a small, though important, factory.

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